(iv) To ensure speedy analysis of drugs samples by establishing own state level drug testing facilities.

(v) State Drugs Control Authorities to be cautious while approving licences for drug products to ensure that "look-alike" products are not encouraged.

(vi) To develop efficient communication facilities and recall procedures.

(vii) To undertake surveillance of suspected dealers.

(viii) To engage experienced counsel for fighting spurious drug cases.

(ix) To obtain Cooperation of Pharmaceutical Industry by regular interaction with them.

(x) To collect survey samples under Naitonal Survey Quality Evaluation of Drug (NSQED) programme.

In addition, the following steps have been taken:—

(1) The All India Organisation of Chemist and Druggist Association (AIOCD) holds National Pharmacy Weeks from time to time to create awareness among the public. Do's and Donot's for consumers are also published.

(2) The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of DGHS on July 18, 2001 to go into all aspects of the menace of Spurious drugs and suggest remedial measures.

(3) The problem of manufacture and sale of spurious drugs and the need to ensure its checking has been specifically explained to State Health Ministers during the meeting of Central Council of Health & Family Welfare.

Modernisation of Hospitals in Arunachal Pradesh

*394. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hospitals modernised and expanded in Arunachal Pradesh during the Ninth Plan; and

(b) the name of hospitals in the State proposed to be modernised and expanded during the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) The Government of Arunachal Pradesh has intimated that the following Schemes for Modernisation and Expansion of Hospitals were taken up during the 9th Plan:—

(i) Construction of 20 bedded Mental ward at General Hospital, Naharlagun, under District Mental Health Programme;

(ii) Strengthening of Emergency Care Services at General Hospital Pasighat with a sanctioned amount of Rs. 59 lakhs under Pilot Project Scheme of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for upgradation and strengthening of Emergency facilities of State Hospitals of towns/ cities located on National Highways.

(iii) Construction of 10 bedded Eye Ward with dedicated O.T. at General Hospital, Pasighat and District Hospital Tawang;

(iv) Completion of Blood Bank Building at Naharlagun General Hospital, Pasighat General Hospital, Tawang District Hospital and Deporijo District Hospital.

(b) One proposal for strengthening of General Hospital, Naharlagun under Pilot Project scheme for upgradation and strengthening of Emergency facilities of States Hospitals of towns/cities located on National Highways and two proposals for General Hospitals Naharlagun and Pasighat under Pilot Project for Hospital Waste Management at Hospital have been received from Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

Dispute of Star and Oretal Companies

*395. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Eastern Zone, particularly in Orissa, national channels and cable operators are enhancing their rates;

(b) whether although they are repeatedly increasing the rates, the service is not upto the standard and all seven channels of Star TV are not seen in Orissa because of the dispute of Star and Oretal Companies; and

(c) whether Government propose to intervene to ensure the Star National Channel and Oretal Company resolve the issue, so that people from Orissa could see the Star Channel immediately?